

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

May 13, 2015

United Way fundraiser a hit!

I enjoyed the United Way BBQ fundraiser at Trinity Lutheran Church last Saturday. Everyone really appreciated the talents of the South Jackson Street Band. Emcee for the evening was WSMV-TV anchor Tom Randles. I asked Tom if he had visited Tullahoma before? "Sure," he said, "I ride my motorcycle to Tullahoma regularly." That caused me to think, you never know who visits our community! I told him I would treat him to lunch the next time he was in town.

The next day I attended the Tullahoma Day Care fish fry fundraiser, also at Trinity Lutheran Church. I noticed the cooks out back frying the fish. Hard work on such a hot day. Special thanks to local businessman Joe Denby for sponsoring the lunch. The crowd really enjoyed the good food; I know the Curlee family did.

Emerging Leaders meet

One of the Chamber of Commerce's and last year Chamber President Jamie McNabb's initiatives is the Emerging Leaders Program. Forty young leaders, mostly in their 20s and 30s, are paired with 20 older business mentors. The group meets quarterly to discuss areas of interest. Last Monday I spoke to the group about the history of Tullahoma. My title was "The 20 Decisions, Events and Personalities that Shaped Tullahoma". If your group would like to hear my 30 minute presentation, please let me know.

Budget talks in progress

The City government budget deliberations have started. Last Tuesday evening City Administrator Baltz provided an overview of his departments' requests and proposals. I'm pleased to announce there will be no property tax increase proposed. I will deliver my Budget Message in two weeks, outlining the many positive city government and community programs and events planned for next fiscal year.

Healthier Tennessee

Also on Tuesday, about 65 Tullahoma businesspeople attended a Healthy Tennessee presentation by the Rick Johnson, CEO of the Governor's Foundation for Health & Fitness. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the Small Starts program. The program suggests ways employees can eat smarter, move more and abstain from tobacco. Rick provided sobering statistics about employee and citizen smoking, obesity and diabetes rates. As you might recall, Tullahoma was one of only two cities in middle Tennessee designated by Healthy Tennessee as pilot communities for the program. We are off to a great start but have much work to do to get more fit and healthy. So far eight Tullahoma businesses have signed up. To learn more, go to www.healthiertn.com.

Prayer Breakfast

Thanks to the nearly 150 people who attended the 3rd annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Thursday morning in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. A special thanks to First Baptist Church, Herb Hester and Cathy Thompson for organizing and the several church members who prepared the breakfast. Twenty-two year THS football coach John Olive delivered a very uplifting message. The THS JROTC color guard presented the colors in a very respectful way. THS students Katie Beth McGeHee, Lauren Brown, Jacqueline Zebick, Stephanie Fraley, and 2012 THS graduate Hannah McGeHee sang their hearts out. Pastors providing prayers were Steven Hovater, Paul Purdue, Elmore Torbert, and Alex Hoffner. A great way to start the day.

TUB hosts Water Week events

Thanks to Tullahoma Utilities Board for hosting Water Week festivities last Thursday. A large crowd enjoyed games, food and demonstrations. Clean, nourishing and great-tasting water just doesn't happen. It takes a team of experienced professionals to bring us our award-winning water. I appreciate this team's commitment to delivering the best day after day after day after day.

Lady Cats district champs

The Lady Wildcats softball game last Thursday was a thriller! Our THS team pulled it out on the very last play. I heard several people say it was the largest crowd they had ever seen at a THS softball game.....the stands were full. There were even fans all along the outfield fence. Congratulations, Lady Cats.....district champs!

Relay for Life Friday

Don't forget the Relay for Life fundraiser at Waggoner Park this Friday night. If we are going to defeat cancer, it will be because of fundraising efforts like this all over the country.

Police Memorial ceremony tomorrow

Tomorrow at noon at South Jackson Civic Center is the annual Police Memorial ceremony. You are especially invited as we pause to thank all Tullahoma Police Officers for protecting and serving us and to remember those officers who have died in the line of duty.

Way to go!

Congratulations to the South Jackson Civic Association for earning \$10,000 from the Big Pay Back fundraiser last Tuesday!

Outdoor concert Sunday

Don't forget the THS Band Outdoor Pops Concert Sunday at 3 pm at Frazier-McEwen Park.

Have an idea or suggestion? Contact me at mayor@tullahomatin.gov, voice mail 581-0630, PO Box 807, or Facebook.

